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FOR SSM FOR KONTOS FROM THORNE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS, UN  
SUBJECT: PRESS MATTERS

1. I HAVE RECEIVED A PRESS CLIPPING FROM THE JERUSALEM POST OF AUGUST 31 QUOTING AN ARTICLE FROM AVIATION WEEK WHICH STATES THAT ISRAELI ARMY HELICOPTERS LANDED AT SFM ON THREE OCCASIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF US PERSONNEL. I HAVE NOT SEEN THE ARTICLE IN QUESTION BUT THEY HAVE THEIR FACTS WRONG. ON TWO OCCASIONS IDF HELICOPTERS LANDED BETWEEN THE J AND K LINES IN THE VICINITY OF CHECKPOINT BRAVO. ON ONE OCCASION THE HELICOPTER LANDED INSIDE THE BUFFER ZONE NEXT TO THE SFM FOR THE EVACUATION.

2. WE RECEIVED A COPY OF STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUG 30 IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN RESPONDED TO A QUESTION BY SAYING THAT HE KNEW OF NO VIOLATIONS WHICH HAD OCCURRED IN THE SINAI. I CALL THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION BECAUSE WE EXPECT QUERIES HERE FROM THE PRESS CORPS IN ISRAEL WHICH IS WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING VIOLATIONS SINCE WE WERE ACTIVATED.

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